





Don't let M.O.D.O.K.'s appearance fool you. Only he knows for sure how many people he's murdered with his experiments. Most are never attributed to him.

-- NICK FURY



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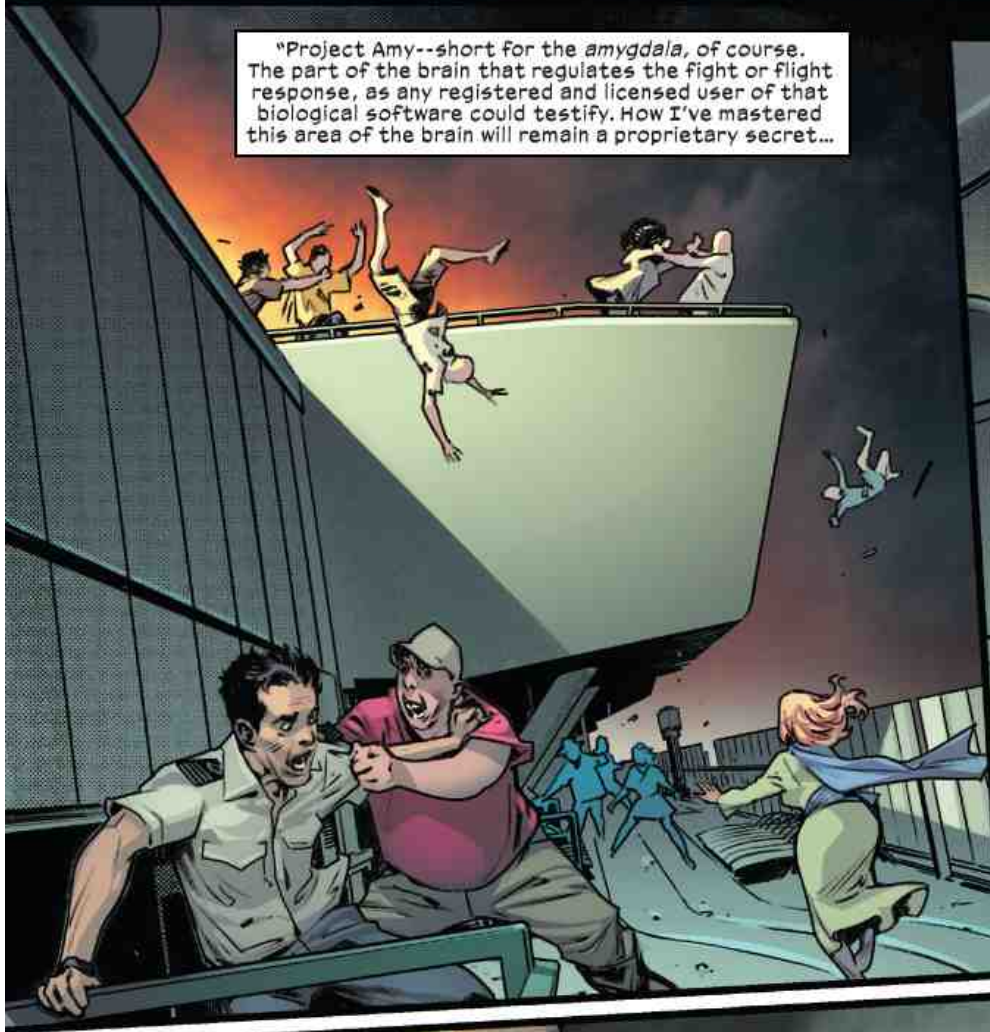
Hello, darlings.

You've never looked this good.

It's a shame I have to give you away...



"...but it's time for you to move to a bigger petri dish."



"Project Amy--short for the *amygdala*, of course. The part of the brain that regulates the fight or flight response, as any registered and licensed user of that biological software could testify. How I've mastered this area of the brain will remain a proprietary secret..."



"...but I'm willing to cut you in."



"For a very fair introductory price."



Cruise ships
have been a favorite
way for me to quietly
experiment with new
bugs, but this test
will be quite
overt.

Refer to
my prospectus
for all the
comprehensive
data.

All the best,
M.O.D.O.K.!



A.I.M.
thanks everyone
on this cursed tub
for donating their
lives--



WHACK



--for
science!



X-MEN

[X_08]

ALL ABOARD

Human reporter, Ben Urich, discovered the secret of mutant resurrection -- but before he could reveal it to the world, someone found him and erased his memory.

Scott Summers, leader of the X-Men, has been trying to unravel who the culprit behind this mindwipe is -- but in addition to trying to solve this mystery, he's had to contend with the public death of himself as Cyclops and having to adopt the new mantle of Captain Krakoa to preserve Krakoa's secret.



Captain
Krakoa



Rogue



Marvel Girl



Synch



Polaris



Wolverine

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Really?



M.O.D.O.K. really yelled "For science!"?

What's our source?

Somebody was livestreaming aboard the ship before the comms went down.



Okay, X-Men, we have two emergencies:

The people in the water and the people on the boat. Let's--

No. Three emergencies...



...there's a cloaked ship up there.

They can hide from my eyes...



...but not my power.

I don't sense anyone up there, so... whoever they are, they can afford good psi-shields.

Anybody want to call it?



"...and be careful,
the boat sounds
like it's feral."

**DIE!
DIE!
DIE!**



If you
can understand
me, I don't want
to fight you!

...It was a
drug...in the
water.



Why do
people take
cruises?



These people
are in a frenzy...
Even with Jean's
telepathy, I can't
just put them
to sleep.

And, uh,
M.O.D.O.K. has some
drones with him.



To everyone trapped on the boat, help is on the way. Don't drink the water. It's been laced with something that's causing this mayhem.

I thought maybe we could talk, Laura.

At first, I was hoping that you would ask me about the time in the vault. Then I thought, well, maybe I could show you with Jean's power, but now...

...I've decided that I really don't want you to have this burden.



Who wants to age a friend with five hundred years of hard road?

I do have one question about our time together in the vault.

Shoot.

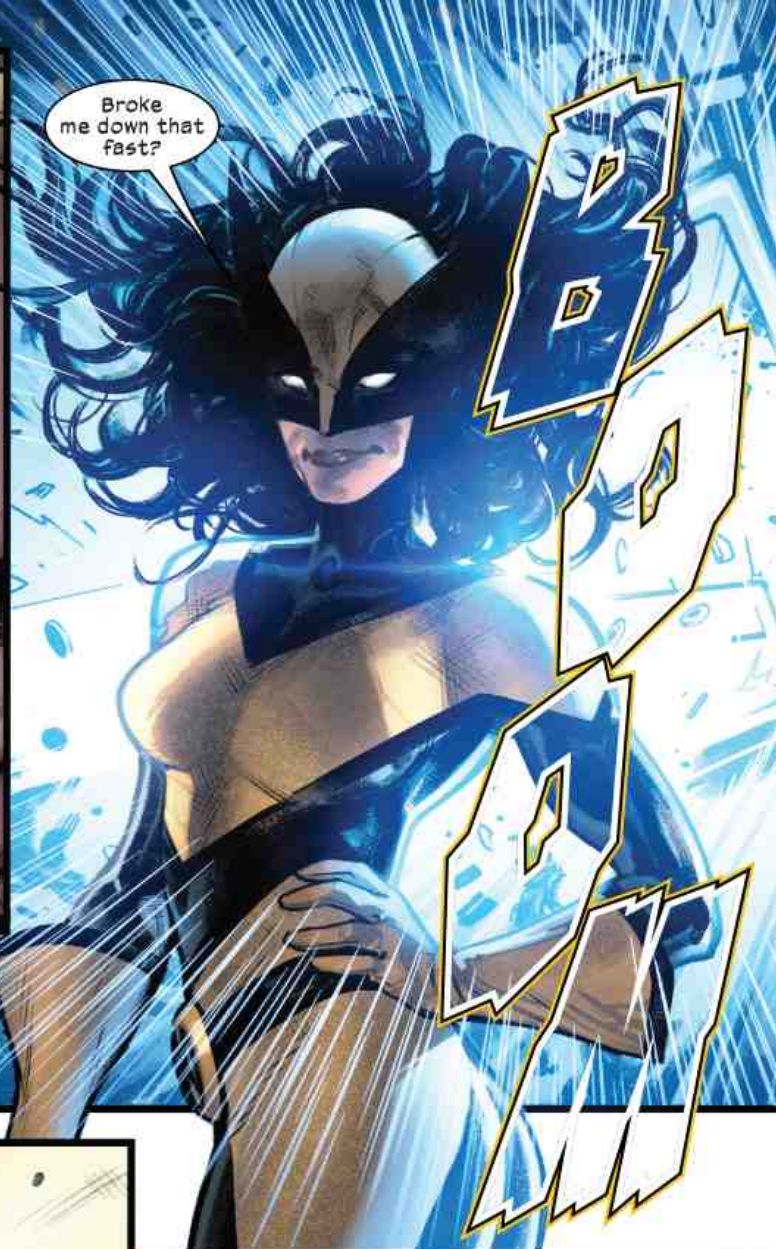


How long did it take for me to warm up to you?



A couple of... years...

...couple of hundred years.



Broke me down that fast?



HEY!

You two are interrupting a private chat.

You fight each other--we'll take the winner.



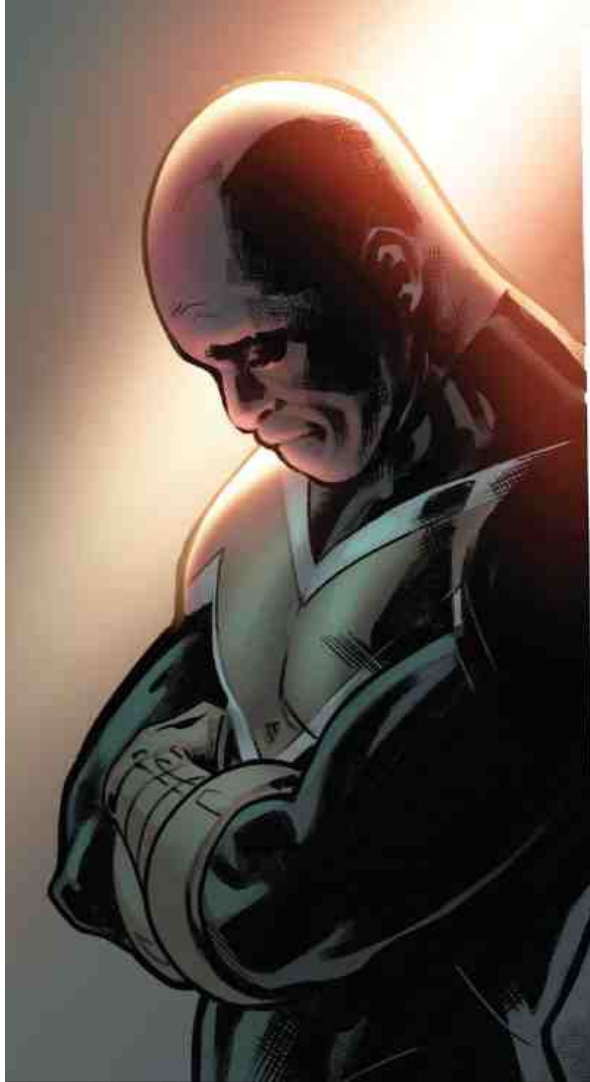
Hell, it was 217 years before our first kiss, but who was counting?



Well, I admire patience in a partner.

Ask me again sometime.

There're more beekeepers dead ahead.



I know I'm pulling a lot of votes from my mission in the vault, but I'm only here because of Wolverine.

She's the one I want.



Er, I mean, she's the one I want on the X-Men.



Ev! You're not going to believe what I found.



Jean, a question for you before whatever is about to happen happens...



...on the off chance violence can't be avoided...is this M.O.D.O.K. fella disabled?

I can't hear what you're saying telepathically yet, but I know you are communicating telepathically because of certain modifications I've made to my aural arrays.

The food is the only reason to step foot on these filthy tubs.

Now, it's very rude to carry on a private chat in a group setting.

You turned these people into rage zombies--WHY?



Because I could.

For science...

...and eventually, a tidy profit.



I don't need to get my hands dirty if I can get the killing done for free. Of course, I didn't count on you damned kids showing up so fast.

I was supposed to have dined and dashed before the first rescuers arrived.



We pulled everyone alive from the water--

--and will be with you to face M.O.D.O.K. in a moment.

Rogue, how are you doing up there?



I interrupted an autopsy in progress.

The A.I.M. scientists were here to harvest as much information from the victims as they could.

Synch, Wolverine...

...don't underestimate M.O.D.O.K.

So... Wolverine.

You have claws and a metal skeleton?



Well, that's a funny story, but yeah, I do.

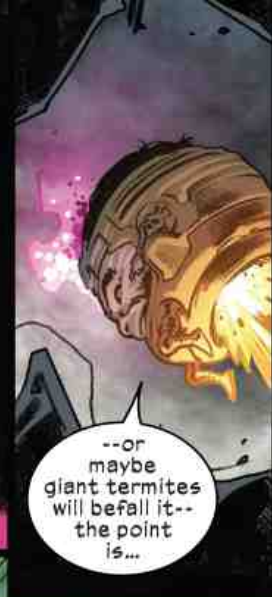
And...how are you at swimming, then?







Now M.O.D.O.K. bids you adieu. Let this one go, mutants-- I'd hate to see your Treehouse catch fire--



--or maybe giant termites will befall it-- the point is...



...I know where you live!

HA HA HA HA!



SKRA BOOM

AARGH!

CHOOM



Synch, I'd like a word in private with M.O.D.O.K.

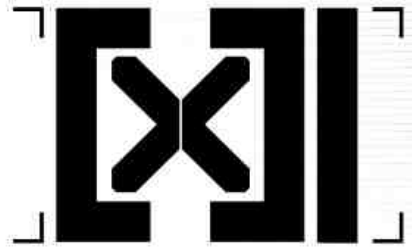
Can you dial me in?

No...stay out of my head...









FROM THE DESK OF FORGE

— SUBJECT: KRAKOAN B.S.

FAO: CAPTAIN KRAKOA

Cyclops --

I know you're pissed off about this situation, and I want you to know that I admire that. I'd rather we put all our cards on the table. The humans haven't quite taken the hint after Arakko, have they? In any event, you must know the KRAKOAN BATTLE SUIT you're wearing is a one of a kind prototype.

It's important.

Sometimes I wonder if mutants like you forget who is lining up behind you. Not everyone has adamantium-coated skeletons. The suit you're alpha-testing for me was never destined for you.

It was meant for the kids like Artie, Leech or Cypher when the chips are down. What is Ugly John going to do when Nimrod comes ashore? Scream three times louder than anyone? Isn't that Banshee's job?

I trust I've made my point.

"Make more mutants" doesn't automatically mean we're being made stronger. Wear the suit, put it through its paces and just remember, it's not for you.

You were at Arbor Magna before I knew you were dead. That's how fast Krakoa wanted to undo that mistake, but we're aiming to have millions of lives on this island, and we only have one of the Five. So I'm asking you to be my personal test pilot. Wear the suit and give me the data. The more data I have, the more lives I can save when our non-combat mutants are wearing them someday. Did you know one of us makes ice cream, Scott? It's the best damn ice cream I've ever had. She's going to need her country to be there for her someday.

All the best,
Forge

P.S. I must respectfully decline the chance to join your X-Men team. The Krakoa we live on now is only a foundation. It can grow to great heights. If you need a technologist, I suggest Bling, and if you hit a rough patch, I'm always happy to consult.

Later, at the Treehouse, the New York City home of the X-Men.

Excuse me, Miss Teenage Warhead? We were so sad about Cyclops' death.

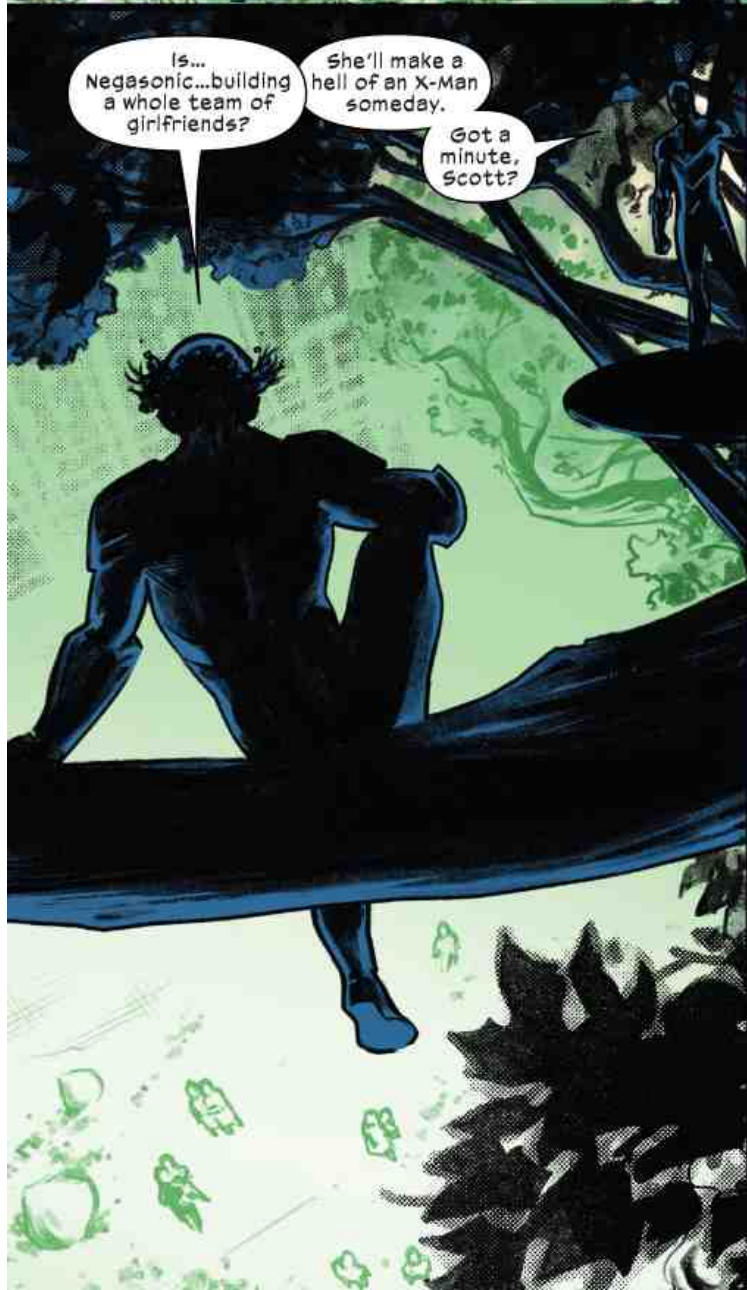
We baked you some banana bread.



Is... Negasonic...building a whole team of girlfriends?

She'll make a hell of an X-Man someday.

Got a minute, Scott?



Of course.

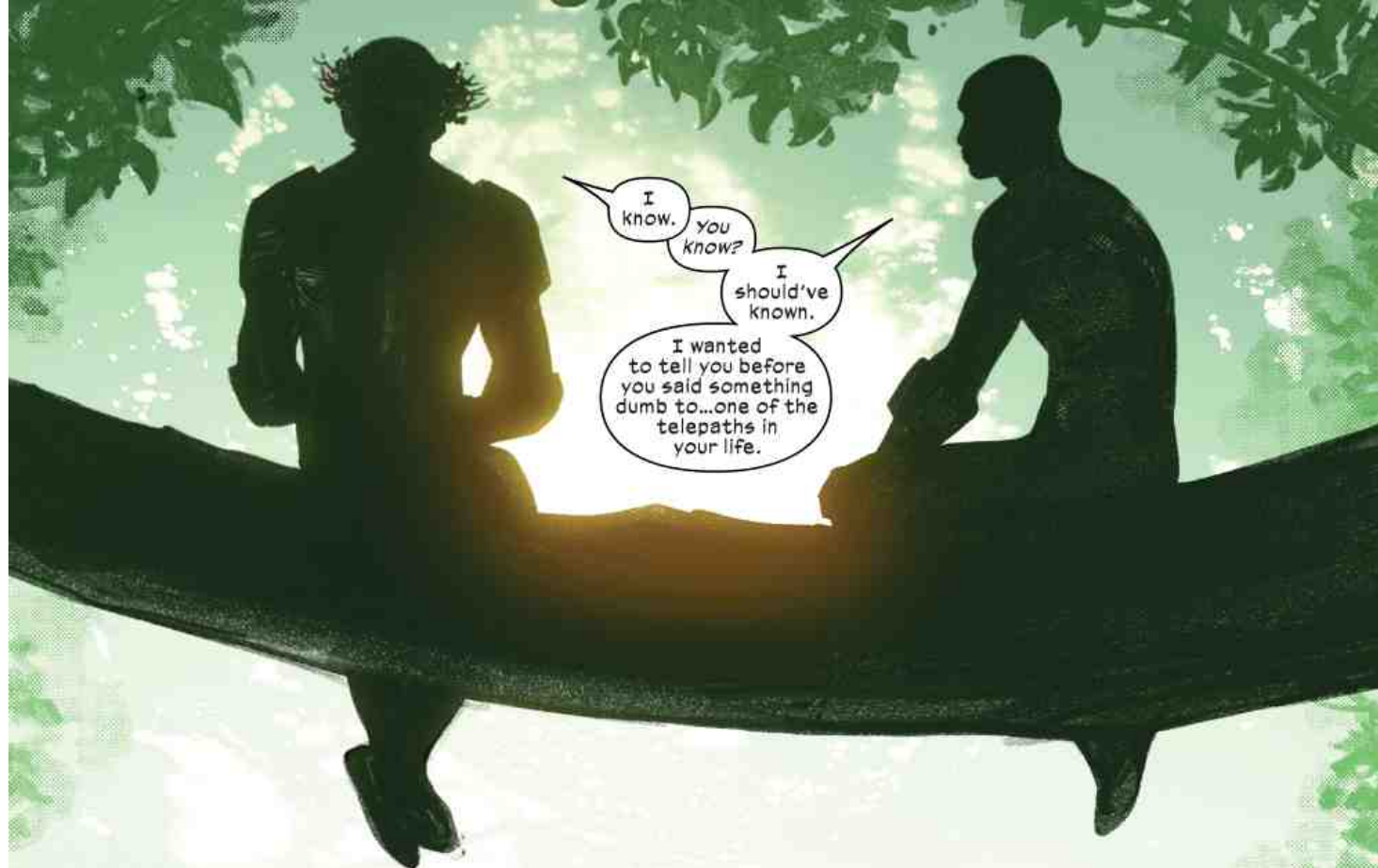
What are we talking about? M.O.D.O.K.? Laura?



Well, hold that thought.

The first thing I need to talk about is...Ben Urlich.





I know. You know?

I should've known.

I wanted to tell you before you said something dumb to...one of the telepaths in your life.



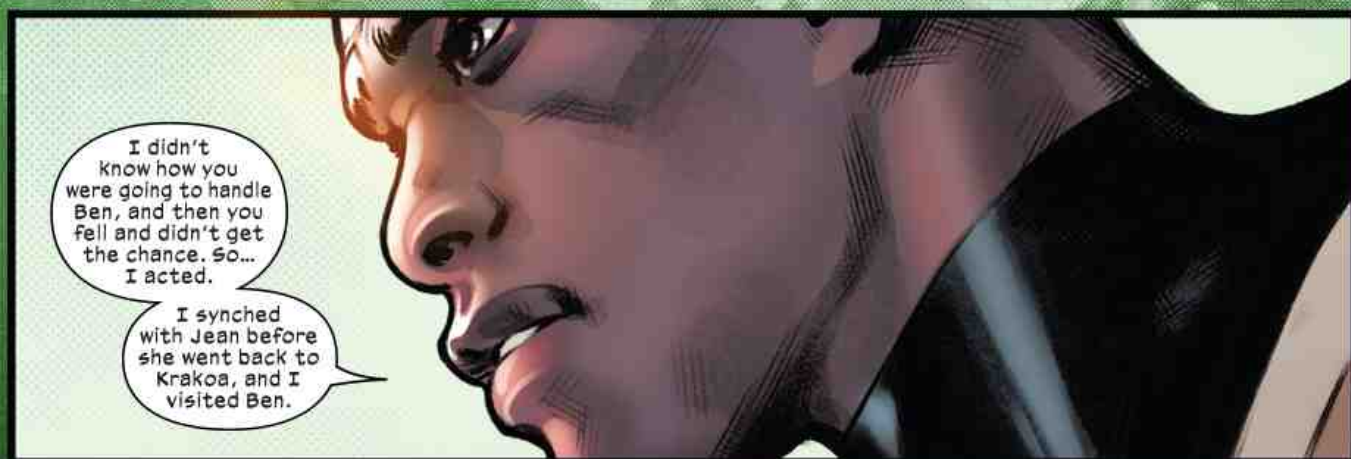
Or...did I already get you trouble?



Double the trouble, Everett.

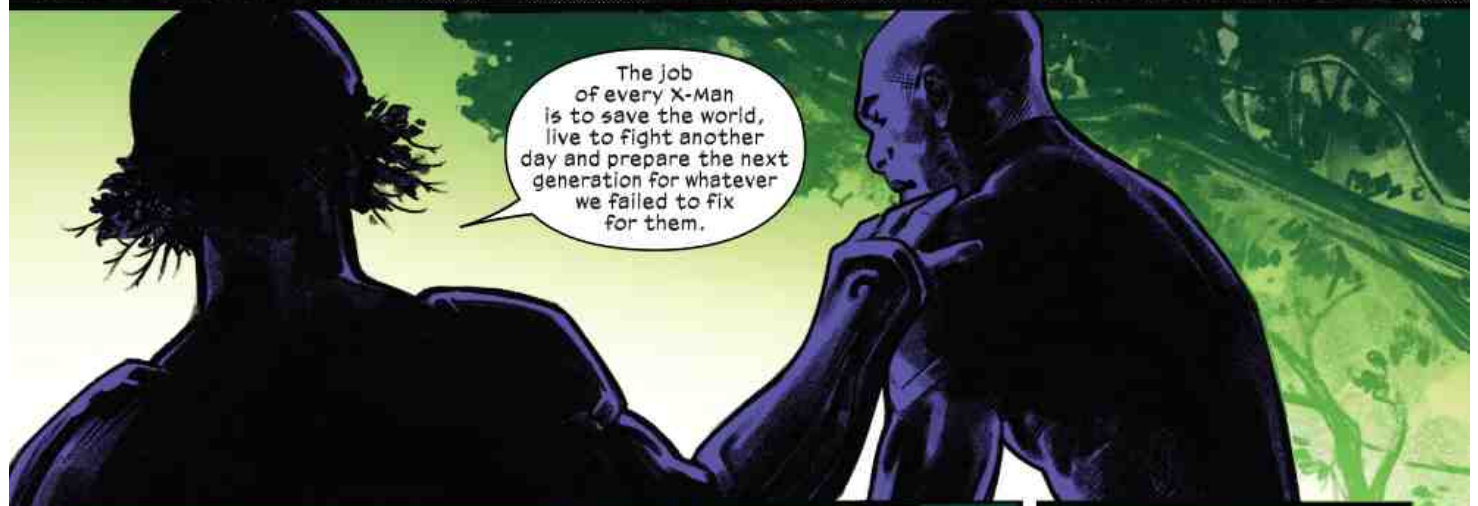
Ha ha!

Sorry, I've made a bigger mess than I thought I had.



I didn't know how you were going to handle Ben, and then you fell and didn't get the chance. So... I acted.

I synched with Jean before she went back to Krakoa, and I visited Ben.



The job of every X-Man is to save the world, live to fight another day and prepare the next generation for whatever we failed to fix for them.



Don't apologize for trying to do the right thing.

I've done far worse and accomplished much less while trying to protect our family.



You should also know, I acted out of fear, but I asked him to give me his notebook.



It's a rough read.



I just kicked the door of his mind open and wiped the story. It wasn't until later when I looked at his notes that I realized what I snatched from him.



Ben Urich
wasn't afraid of
the truth...

He
thought
we were
miracles.



I've loved
being an X-Man, Scott...
but my head's not in the
game. When I'm not thinking
about how I messed up Mr.
Urich's head, I'm thinking
about Laura.

My Laura,
I mean. She's
gone, and she's
never coming
back.

And it's
not fair to this
Laura Kinney to
be haunted by a
ghost of a life
not lived.

What
if I were to
say I'm finished
being an
X-Man?

I'd say...
you're finished
when Captain
Krakoa says
you are.

Next: Once Upon A
Time On Arakko.



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